area. That is one of the alternatives to solve the problem of terrorism. That is why this suggestion was given. We will have to go out our of the way in view of the peculiar situation in the country.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: We are, in fact, very much interested in seeing that we go out of the way to satisfy the youths of Jammu and Kashmir and in seeing that they are given priority in matters of employment. As far as my information goes, there is a tremendous amount of satisfaction on that secre. May be stray incidents are there. If they were to approach proper authorities, I am sure, their grievances can be redressed.

*142(The questioner (Shri Janardan Yadav and Shri Kameshwar Paswan). were absent. For answer, vide col..... uifra]

Granting visas to Indian Nationals by Malaysia

*143. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in 'The Economic Times' dated the 5th July, 1994 about granting visas by Malaysian Government to Indian Nationals;

(b) whether the statement attributed to an officer of the Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board in this news-item is correct;

(c) whether the Malaysian Government has restricted the issue of visas to Indian Nationals in recent times; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) With effect from 1.1.1993. Government of Malaysia unilaterally imposed the current restrictive visa regime not only on citizens of India but also of Pakistan, Bangla Desh, Sri Lanka and subsequently Myanmar.

(d) No reasons were given. Ostensibly, the measure is to check entry of illegal immigrants into Malaysia from these countries.

SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Sir, the statement says: The recent stringecy adopted by the Malaysian Government in granting visas to Indians has been done at the instance of the Indian Government. No Government office has contradicted this statement and it had been given wide publicity. *It is in The Economic Times*, I would like to know whether this issue was discussed with the Prime Minister of Malaysia during the recent visit. The hon. Minister has informed me that it was discussed and there was some imrovement. But till today there is no improvement Here is a comparison. More than one lakh people were travelling there. There are more than 10 lakh Indian Tamils living in Malaysia. So, naturally, every year lakhs of people were travelling there. Now, because visas were being refused only a few people in number are travelling. Now only one hundred or a thousand visas are being issued. What is the reason for this? I think at least the Tamil Indians living mostly in Malaysia and marrying Tamil girls in India are not being allowed to take their wives. Even today a woman married to a Malaysian Indian is living in India for the past six months without being able to join her husband. Why this kind of discrimination is there? I understand a Malaysian Indian Tamil girl can come and marry an Indian citizen and can take back her husband but a man cannot take his wife. Why is this discrimination being followed by some countries like Malaysia? I would like to know whether this issue was discussed and if so, whether any impronemext will come through.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Sir, there is no truth in the reported statement attributed to an official of the Malaysian Tourist Corporation Board. The question of visa was not touched upon during the meeting of the Prime Minister, Shri Narasimha Rao, with the Prime Minister of Malaysia. That is untrue.

Secondly, with regard to the difficulties which the hon. Member has stated about the Indians who want to go to Malaysia, as I stated in the Statement, that there has been a very large number of people going to that country. For economic reasons they impose restrictions. Three restrictions were imposed by them. The first was that visas would be issued after two months, because they wanted to verify. Second, they need a sponsorship certificate from a Malaysian and third, 750 Malaysian Dollar will be taken by them as a guarantee money. It is because, if a man is not a legal tourist or something like that, he can be deported back with that money. Later on after we discussed this problem with the Malaysians, this restriction has been removed. The question of $ 750 is no longer there. The effect of the Sponsorship Certificate has also been diluted and visas are being issued as normally as before.

SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Sir, I want to know whether the Malaysian Prime Minister during his recent visit here discussed this problem. I am asking this because the Minister of State told me that it was discussed and there would be improvement in future. My point is that there is no improvement.

My another question is if there has been any retaliation by our Indian Embassy to refuse visa for the Malaysian Tamils to come to India. It is there. They say, after all, they are Malaysian Citizens, not our citizens. I had a discussion with the Indian High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur recently. He was unhelpful. So, I would like to know whether this discrimination has been done away with. Should we not advise our Embassy not to discriminate on these things? The hon. Minister stated that they are illegal migrants. It is not true. Legal migrants going to Malaysia are staying for more than the visaperiod. This is the problem. The Malaysian Government wants the Indian High Commission to help them to repatriate. I had a discussion with our Indian High Commission in Singapore and Malaysia, but they are not able to agree. It seems they have written to their Government also. The only thing is who is to take tickets for them. So, they are in jails. This is the problem For this the Indian High Commission for example, in Singapore has suggested to our Government that our Government must get some deposit for our people going there so that they can be repatriated if those Governents require. The Indian Embassies are....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please conclude the question.

SHRI S. MADHAVAN: These difficulties are there. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether these difficulties will be solved by discussion with those Governments.

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Discussions have already taken place and all the difficulties have already been resolved. There is no complaint to us. If the hon. Member has any complaint with regard to any particular case, I will look into it. According to us, after the discussion, this point has been resolved. Normal visas, on both sides, have been issued.

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Sir, this Malaysian problem started after the BJP Government in U.P. demolished the Babri Masjid. The Malaysian Government has not made any discrimination between a business visit and a normal tourist visit. My quesion is, if Malaysia are insisting on keeping this kind of a problem in the issue of visa, time of stay, etc., would the Government of India be willing to approach them at least to request them to make changes? Business visas should be issued immediately because business trips cannot be planned two months in advance. Business requirements can be even tomorrow. Is it possible for the Government of India at least to take up the issue of business visas so that business visas may be given as are given by other countries?

SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Sir, initially, there was the difficulty which the hon. Member has pointed out. But as I said, that has been sorted out. Even I had a discussion with the Foreign Minister of

Malaysia, especially about the businessman about whom I have received a complaint. That has been sorted out. There is no problem as such now.

श्री मोहम्मद मसूद खान : महोदय, सिंगापुर और मलेशिया में खास तौर से पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश या आजमगढ़ वगैरह के लोगों को यह कठिनाई सबसे ज्यादा आ रही है कि जो लोग वहां गए थे तथा जिन्होंने वहां अपनी जायदाद वगैरह बनाली है, तो उनमें से कुछ लोग या तो वह बूढ़े हो गए हैं या मर गए । इस कारण उनकी बुरहा को भी अब वहां जाने में उतनी ही बाधा पड़ रही है क्योंकि वहां की सरकार या वे वीजा नहीं देती जिससे वहां जा नहीं पाते और उनकी जो जायदाद है, वह वहां नष्ट हो रही है । वे क्या सरकार ऐसे सर्कमस्टेंसेज में वहां की सरकार से बातचीत करके उनको आसानी से वहां पहुंचाएगी, यह मेरा माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना है ?

†[]شری محمد مسعود خاں : ۔ مہودے سنگاپور اور ملیشیا میں خاص طور سے پوربی اتر پردیش یا اعظم گڈھ وغیرہ کے لوگوں کو یہ کٹھنائی سب سے زیادہ آرہی ہے کہ جو لوگ وہاں گئے تھے اور جنھوں نے وہاں اپنی جائیداد وغیرہ بنالی ہے ۔ تو اُن میں سے کچھ لوگ یا تو وہ بوڑھے ہو گئے ہیں یا مر گئے ۔ اس کارن اُن کے ورثہ کو بھی اب وہاں جانے میں آنی ہی باد ھا پڑ رہی ہے کیوں کہ وہاں کی سرکار یا تو ویزا نہیں دیتی جس سے وہ وہاں جا نہیں پاتے اور اُن کی جو جائیداد ہے وہ وہاں نشٹ ہو رہی ہے ۔ تو کیا سرکار ایسے سرکمس ٹانسیز میں وہاں کی سرکار سے بات چیت کر کے اُن کو آسانی سے وہاں پہنچائے گی ۔ یہ میرا مانیہ منتری جی سے جاننا ہے

†[]Translitration in Arabic script.

श्री आर. एल. भाटिया : जैसा कि मैंने कहा कि अब वीजा देने में कोई डिफिकल्टी नहीं है, क्योंकि हमारी मीटिंग के बाद और डिवस्कशन के बाद अब फिर नेर्मल चैनल से जिस तरह से पहले भी बीजा वगैरह मिलते थे, अब दिये जा रहे हैं । जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य ने हमें बताया है कि जिन लोगो के पिता वहां बढ़े हो गये हैं या जायदाद के बारे में उनके बच्चों को जो भारत में रहते हैं, वहां जाना है, तो अगर ऐसा कोई केस है, तो हमारी नोटिस में लाइए, हम उसमें पूरी छानबीन करेंगे ।

Data of linguistic Survey of India

*144. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:*

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu, Tamil and Malayali speaking people are there in Maharashtra based on the latest data of the Linguistic Survey of India and to which year the data pertains;

(b) how does this data differ from that found in the 1991 census and what are the census figures for this;

(c) whether this data is published or not;

(d) if not, when will this data be published; and

(e) whether the abstracts of this survey will be supplied to members of Parliament

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The report of the last Linguistic survey of India completed in 1927 does not give the language data for the present Maharashtra state. The fresh linguistic survey of India undertaken by Registrar General, India from 1984 has not covered Maharashtra State so far and hence, this data is also not available.

†The question was actually asked on the flour of the House by Dr. Shrikant Ramchandra Jichkar.